Exchanges in the State of Haryana particularly in Narwana (District Jind) telephone Exchange;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the equipment of the mechanical Exchanges has failed to provide efficient services to the public;

(c) whether the government propose to consider the replacement of all the Exchanges of Haryana by Electronic equipment. If so, by what time it is likely to be replaced;

(d) whether Government propose to fulfill its promise to replace equipment of Narwana Exchange; and

(e) by what time it will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir, he complaints of No-dial Tone/Held up etc; are received from time to time.

(b) The services and facilities of electro-mechanical exchanges are not comparable with that of electronic exchanges as expected by the subscribers. In case of Narwana, 600 lines MAX II (US type) was installed in 1988 and expanded in steps to 1200 lines in 1990-91. The performance of this exchange is quite satisfactory.

(c) At present, it is not possible to replace all the Electro-Mechanical exchanges by electronic equipments due to constraints of funds. However, life expired and worn out electro-mechnical exchanges which is 20 years in this case are replaced on availability of required equipments.

(d) and (e) At present, it may not be possible to replace Narwana MAX-II (U/S type). However, C-DOT type 424 lines electronic exchanges is proposed to be introduced during 93-94 in addition to MAX-II exchange to cater to new demands.

Provision of telephones in all villages of Haryana

421. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to provide telephones in all 6500 villages of Haryana State;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by what time this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Government propose to provide telephone in all 6745 (and not 6500) villages of Haryana State.

(b) and (c) (i) As a first steps, the Governmetn have adopted a policy to cover all the Panchayat Villages with telephone facility Progressively by 31st March, 1995 subject to availability of resources.

(ii) As on 30th November, 1993, out of a total of 5792 Panchayat Villages in Haryana, 4172 such villages have been covered with telephone facility.

(iii) Provision of telephone facility in non-panchayat villages has been proposed during the period April, 1995 to March, 2000.

422. (*Transferred to 15th December, 1993*)

Strike of Telecom Employee's Federations

423. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the three Federations of Telecom Employees' Unions have served notice for a nationwide indefinite strike from 6th December, 1993;